


ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action that issued December 15, 2004. In light of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and removal of the grounds for rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance except for the formal matter that the amendment submitted on September 1, 2004 amended the claims based on the application without the changes from the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 20, 2001. The claims amended herein are amended based on the Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-16 are in an allowable form and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

This amendment places the instant application in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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